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1. (Amended) A plasma treatment apparatus comprising:

an airtight treatment chamber;

5 a lower electrode including a mount portion on which an object is to be mounted, the lower electrode being movable up and down in the treatment chamber;

a power supply system to supply high-frequency power to the lower electrode;

10 an elevator mechanism to move the lower electrode up and down;

a conductive wall body substantially surrounding the elevator mechanism in close proximity and forming a path reaching to a floor portion of the treatment chamber; and

15 a conductive member provided around the lower electrode and electrically connecting an inner wall of the treatment chamber and the wall body.

2. A plasma treatment apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a through hole or a groove to let escape air remaining in a space between the elevator mechanism and the wall body is formed in the wall body.

3. A plasma treatment apparatus according to claim 1, wherein an opening portion through which the object is carried in and out is formed in the wall body.

4. A plasma treatment apparatus according to

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claim 3, wherein the elevator mechanism moves down the